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DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS

Stream alluvium (Holocene) - Mostly sand with scattered pebbles and cobbles and few boulders of sandstone; unfossilized wood and man-made debris in vicinity of Hildale. Lesser amounts of interbedded mud and silt. Generally reddish brown to pale brown; sand mostly fine to medium, well stratified, crossbedded. Probably less than 10 feet (3 m) thick along South Creek, Broad Hollow, and Cottonwood Canyon; possibly 100 feet (30 m) or more thick along Short Creek. Includes low terraces to about 5 feet (1.5 m) above current stream levels.

Terrace alluvium (Pleistocene) - Sand and gravel, reddish brown, tabular bedded Qat to fluvial cross-bedded; contains mostly matrix-supported, pebble-sized, subrounded clasts of sandstone, but includes cobbles and boulders as much as 1.5 feet (0.5 m) in diameter; unit fines upward. Exposed deposits are about 6 to 8 feet (2-2.4 m) thick along Broad Hollow and Cottonwood Canyon, as much as 20 feet (6 m) thick along South Creek, and as much as 80 feet (24 m) thick along Short Creek.

Young fan alluvium (Holocene) - Sand like that in unit Qal but crudely bedded; contains scattered pebbles and cobbles of sandstone and "ironstone" (ironoxide-cemented sandstone and siltstone), distributed on sloping fan-like surfaces that are well developed along Broad Hollow, where the deposits overlie unit Qac; less common in the high-walled canyons of other main drainages. Estimated to be 2 to 20 feet (0.6-6 m) thick.

Old fan alluvium or pediment surface deposits (Pleistocene?) - Locally derived reddish-brown silt and sand and matrix-supported pebble- to cobble-size gravel lenses and rare subangular boulders; stabilized by low vegetation, locally covered by eolian sand; forms moderately dissected low-angle surfaces that slope away from valley walls; few feet to more than 25 feet (8 m) thick.

Mixed alluvium and colluvium (Holocene) - Mostly reddish-brown to light-brown Qac sand eroded from the Navajo Sandstone and reworked by sheet flow and wind. Contains few pebbles and silt to clay admixtures, relatively smooth surfaces are generally low angle, planar to curving but without morphology characteristic of fan deposits. Deposits thicken downslope toward stream channels and interfinger with fluvial and other mass-wasting deposits. Contains unmapped small bedrock areas. Thickness possibly as much as 20 feet (6 m).

Colluvium (Holocene) - Mostly pebble- to boulder-sized debris, unsorted, sand- to clay-size fractions; masks bedrock on steep slopes largely below Navajo Sandstone and Springdale Sandstone Member of Moenave Formation. Includes massive blocks of sandstone as much as 30 feet (9 m) in diameter and some talus. Deposits range from crudely sheet-like to linear gully fills, commonly modified by sheet flow. Thickness 2 to 30 feet (0.6-9 m).

Debris-flow and rock-slide deposit (Holocene to Pleistocene?) - Locally derived Qmf rubble of unsorted sand, sandstone, silt and clay, reddish brown to reddish orange, matrix- and clast-supported, generally present as narrow lobate forms, commonly unstable. Thickness 2 to 20 feet (0.6-5 m).

Landslide debris (Holocene to Pleistocene) - Chaotic mixture of clay- to sand-Qms matrix-supported clasts ranging from granule-size to angular blocks of Navajo Sandstone many hundreds of feet long. Characterized by modified scarps, Toreva-like blocks, and disturbed bedrock with contorted bedding and steep dips. Thickness may be as much as or more than 100 feet (30 m). Unit where exposed along South Creek drainages is part of a larger slide complex that extends northward beyond quadrangle boundary. Petrified Forest Member of Chinle Formation is the main unstable bedrock unit underlying the landslide complex.

Eolian sand, sheet-flow deposits, and residuum, undivided (Holocene and Qes Pleistocene?) - Sand, fine to medium, and minor silt, orange, pink, and vellowish gray; occurs as veneer of mostly stabilized sheet sand and irregular fillings in bedrock hollows and along intermittent drainages mostly in upland areas. Grades downslope to alluvium. Locally includes small unmapped outcrops of bedrock. Thickness 1 to 5 feet (0.3-1.5 m).

Eolian sand in dunes and dune ramps (Holocene and Pleistocene?) - Sand as

above deposited in dunes and dune ramps flanking steep slopes and cliffs. Locally consists of older, stabilized deposits and younger, active deposits. As

much as 50 feet (15 m) thick. Navajo Sandstone (Lower Jurassic) - Sandstone, generally light brown on fresh surfaces, weathers to a variety of brown, orange, gray, red, and pink hues; Jnp quartzose; well sorted, mostly fine to medium grained, moderately friable, mostly massive, with sweeping high-angle, wedge-planar to tabular-planar, tangential cross-beds in sets 5 to 30 feet (1.5-9 m) thick of probable eolian origin. Cement is mostly calcareous and siliceous with lesser iron and

manganese oxides. The "pink or vermilion" unit (Jnp), in which cross-bed sets are thick and conspicuous, commonly weathers to curving surfaces, "bosses' and rounded ledges. Basal 200 to 400 feet (61 - 122 m) "gray and reddishbrown" unit (Jnb) is resistant, ledge-forming, composed of minor planar sandstone interbeds of probable fluvial origin and cross-bed sets generally thinner than those in unit Jnp. Distinction between Jnp and Jnb units is unclear in western part of quadrangle (undifferentiated unit Jn), as well as in the adjoining Smithsonian Butte quadrangle (Moore and Sable, 1992) to the Kayenta Formation (Lower Jurassic) - Siltstone, sandstone, mudstone and shale,

reddish orange to pale red; sandstone is quartzose, silty, and very fine grained. Bedding is broadly lenticular, some sandstone units contain trough cross-beds with features that suggest point-bar forms. Mudstones are variegated; some beds in lower part of formation resemble those in the Chinle Formation (below), being slippery and unstable when wet. Sandstone units about 30 feet (6 m) thick in middle and lower part of formation exhibit eolian-type crossbeds; may be correlative with Lamb Point Tongue of the Navajo Sandstone. Coarsens upward; uppermost 50 to 100 feet (15-30 m) is largely cliff-or ledgeforming sandstone and siltstone. About 600 to 630 feet (183-192 m) thick.

Moenave Formation (Lower Jurassic) - Consists of three members (descending): Springdale Sandstone, Whitmore Point, and Dinosaur Canyon Members, the latter two combined as one map unit. Total thickness more than 350 feet (107

Springdale Sandstone Member - Sandstone, pale red to light brown, quartzose, weathers grayish orange, blocky to flaggy, generally tabular bedded, but with some lenticular beds and trough cross-bedding. Characterized by intermittent lenses a few inches thick of intraformational conglomeratic sandstone and conglomerate with 0.1 to 2 inches (0.2-5 cm) claystone clasts. Uppermost beds tabular, locally stained to moderate yellow hue. Resistant quartz-cemented cliff-former, about 115 to 125 feet (35 -38 m) thick.

Whitmore Point and Dinosaur Canyon Members, undivided - Whitmore Point Member is slope-forming, pale-red and light-greenish-gray siltstone and claystone and interbedded minor pale-red sandstone, about 50 to 60 feet (15-18 m) thick. Dinosaur Canyon Member is slope- and ledge-forming, ripplemarked, reddish-brown and light-greenish-gray siltstone and mudstone and lesser very-fine-grained quartzose sandstone. About 200 feet (61 m) thick.

Chinle Formation (Upper Triassic) - Two members are present in the map area, the Petrified Forest Member and underlying Shinarump Member, but the Shinarump is not exposed. Total thickness of Chinle is more than 450 feet (137 m) thick

Petrified Forest Member - Varicolored (gray, red, purple, brown) slope- and badlands-forming, tabular-bedded clay shale and clay with volcanically derived clay minerals and minor gray fluvial sandstone and conglomerate. Unstable when wet; contributes to mass movement of overlying units. Upper contact is an erosional unconformity. Only upper, roughly 150 to 200 feet (46-61 m) are exposed in the quadrangle. Total thickness in adjoining Smithsonian Butte quadrangle is about 380 feet (116 m) (Moore and Sable, 1992).

CORRELATION OF MAP UNITS

Eolian Deposits

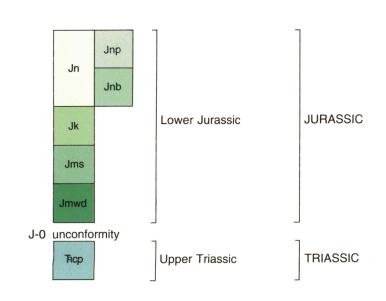
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Holocene QUATERNARY Pleistocene

Unconformity



MAP SYMBOLS

Contact - Dashed where approximate or inferred. Contact of Quaternary units High-Angle Fault - Bar and ball on downthrown block; dashed where

approximately located or inferred; dotted where concealed; queried where

Joint in Navajo Sandstone

Linear Feature Observed on Aerial Photographs - May be fault or joint trace.

Structure Contour - Datum, top of Moenave Formation; extrapolated where land surface is below datum; contour interval 100 feet.

Dominant Dip Direction of Cross-beds in Navajo Sandstone

Top of Prominent Sandstone Units in Kayenta Formation - Probably includes Lamb Point Tongue of Navajo Sandstone.

Scarp - At head of slump. toreva block, or landslide; queried where inferred; hachures indicate direction of movement.

Direction and Degree of Slope of Alluvial Fan or Pediment Surface

Coherent Slide Block of Navajo Sandstone

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		Navajo Sandstone	"pink" or "vermilion" unit		n ı	165+ 47+)		
JURASSIC	Lower Jurassic		"gray and reddish- brown" unit	Jnb				
		Moenave Formation Kayenta Formation		Jk	Jk (183-192			
			Springdale Sandstone Member	Jms	115- 125 (35- 38)		000	
			Whitmore Point Member Dinosaur Canyon Member	Jmwd	50 (15) :200± (61±)	(107+		
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